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SUBJECT: KATYN FOREST MASSACRE

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR THE
JUNE 23 NOON BRIEFING IN ANTICIPATION OF A QUESTION
PROMPTED BY THE RECENT JACK ANDERSON ARTICLE. THERE WAS
NO QUESTION ABOUT KATYN.

2. BEGIN TEXT: Q. HAS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EVER TAKEN A
POSITION ON THE MASSACRE OF POLISH OFFICERS IN THE KATYN
FOREST IN 1940? A. AN EXHAUSTIVE INQUIRY INTO THE
CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS TRAGIC EVENT WAS CONDUCTED BY A
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE IN THE EARLY 1950'S. THE COMMITTEE
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CONCLUDED THAT THE OVERWHELMING BURDEN OF EVIDENCE INDI-
CATES THAT THE SOVIETS WERE RESPONSIBLE. WE ARE NOT
AWARE THAT ANY FORMAL POSITION ON THIS WAS ENUNCIATED BY
ANY U.S. ADMINISTRATION. END TEXT. VANCE

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